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| Splint For a Joint Connection and Methods for Production of Such a Splint |
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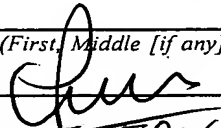
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